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1 On page 4, after line 22, insert the following:

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3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 1.12 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 Chapter . . ., Laws of 2009 (this act), chapter 6, Laws of 2008,
6 chapter 156, Laws of 2007, chapter 4, Laws of 2006, chapter 127, Laws
7 of 1993, and any other provisions of this code, are not intended, nor
8 shall they be construed, to prevent, burden, hinder, or otherwise
9 interfere with any person in the lawful free exercise of his or her
10 religious beliefs, or subject any person to civil or criminal
11 liability for the lawful free exercise of his or her religious
12 beliefs, regarding opposite-sex relationships and unions, including
13 marriage between a man and a woman, and same-sex relationships and
14 unions, including domestic partnerships between a man and a man or a
15 woman and a woman."

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17 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
18 internal references accordingly. Correct the title.

EFFECT: Provides that the domestic partnership laws, the laws prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation, the malicious mischief laws, and any other provisions of the code are not intended to, and shall not be construed to, prevent or interfere with a person's lawful free exercise of religion or to subject a person to civil or criminal liability for the lawful exercise of religion regarding opposite-sex and same-sex relationships.

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